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- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Addition” means an increase in:
 - (1) building area;
 - (2) aggregate floor area;
 - (3) height; or
 - (4) number of stories.
- (c) “Change of occupancy” means a change in the purpose or level of activity in a building or structure that involves a change in application of the local building code requirements.
- (d) “Construction permit application” means an application for a permit or other governmental approval for a rehabilitation project.
- (e) “Department” means the Maryland Department of Labor.
- (f) “Existing building” means a building or structure that was erected and occupied, or was issued a certificate of occupancy, at least 1 year before a construction permit application for the building or structure was made to a local jurisdiction, the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.
- (g) “Local jurisdiction” means:
 - (1) a county; or
 - (2) a municipal corporation in the State.
- (h) “MBRC” means the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code.
- (i) “Modification” means:
 - (1) the reconfiguration of a space;

- (2) the addition or elimination of a door or window;
- (3) the reconfiguration or extension of a system; or
- (4) the installation of any additional equipment.

(j) “Reconstruction” means:

(1) the reconfiguration of a space that:

(i) affects an exit or element of the egress access that is shared by more than a single occupant; or

(ii) prevents occupancy of the work area because the existing means of egress and fire protection systems, or their equivalent, are not in place or continuously maintained; or

(2) extensive modifications.

(k) “Rehabilitation project” means construction work undertaken in an existing building that includes repair, renovation, modification, reconstruction, change of occupancy, or addition.

(l) (1) “Renovation” means:

(i) the change, strengthening, or addition of load bearing elements; or

(ii) the refinishing, replacement, bracing, strengthening, upgrading, or extensive repair of existing materials, elements, components, equipment, or fixtures.

(2) “Renovation” does not include:

(i) reconfiguration of a space; or

(ii) interior or exterior painting.

(m) “Repair” means the patching, restoration, or minor replacement of materials, elements, components, equipment, or fixtures to maintain them in good or sound condition.

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